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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" We have our own problems. I do not think it worthwhile to go into the question of collecting statistics and comparing the figures."

Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars with previous service in the Commercial Tax Department and amalgamation of the Commercial Tax Department with Revenue Department.

* 57 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars who had acted previously as Deputy Commercial Tax Officers and Assistant Commercial Tax Officers in the Commercial Tax Department in South Arcot district; and

(*b*) whether the Government have any proposal to amalgamate the Commercial Tax Department with Revenue Department?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) There are 7 Tahsildars and 4 Deputy Tahsildars who have worked previously as Deputy Commercial Tax Officers and Assistant Commercial Tax Officers respectively in the Commercial Taxes Department in the South Arcot district.

" (*b*) No."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" May I know Sir, whether the Government recently allotted a certain percentage of the vacancies in the grade of Assistant Commercial Tax Officers to those affected in the Revenue Department in this State? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I think so, Sir. Off-hand I am not able to say what exactly happened. I require notice."

Number of houses requisitioned under the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act.

* 58 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of houses requisitioned under the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act and allotted to Government officials during 1952–53;

(*b*) the number of such cases in which the Government servants failed to pay the rents due; and

(*c*) the steps taken by Government to recover such amounts?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGHA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) 1,086 (one thousand and eighty-six).

" (*b*) 36 (Thirty-six).

" (*c*) Action is promptly taken by the Accommodation Controller in the City and by the Rent Controllers in the mufassal for recovery of arrears of rent from the allottees."

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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know, Sir, if any arrangement is made to recover such amounts from the salaries of the Government officials concerned? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGHA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Whenever the allottees default, the Government are directly responsible to the landlords. The Government recover the rents in instalments from the officials concerned."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Has there been any case in which the amount had to be written off in favour of the Government official concerned? May I know why effective steps have not been taken to recover the amount from the salary or the pension of the officials concerned? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGHA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" We have taken all steps to recover the amounts where there have been defaults. There have been one or two cases in the past, but in recent times there have been no such cases. There was one case—I am quoting from memory—in which the arrears accumulated to such an extent that it was not practicable to recover the entire amount. So it had to be written off."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know, Sir, if there is any proposal to remove accommodation control altogether and have only rent control for the present? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGHA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" When the position becomes easy with reference to housing conditions, it will be considered."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know if non-residential buildings are also subject to such control? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGHA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes, Sir, to some extent."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" In view of the fact that many residential houses are available in the City of Madras, may I know whether the controls will be removed in the near future? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGHA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have already said that when the position becomes easy, the question will be considered. It will be expedited when the Andhra High Court shifts."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" The Hon. Minister said that to some extent even non-residential buildings were subject to control. May I know to what extent? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGHA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" When we require the buildings for our offices and for other purposes, we take the necessary steps to indent

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upon them. But when the position becomes easy, that is, when some of the offices are shifted to our own buildings, we will relax the control."

Stage of progress of each of the Malampuzha and the Lower Bhavani Projects.

* 59 *Q*.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state— 2-40 p.m.

(*a*) the stage of progress of each of the Malampuzha and the Lower Bhavani Projects showing the estimate and the cost incurred so far;

(*b*) the steps taken to provide Hydro-Electric Power in the above dams;

(*c*) the plans drawn up for utilization of the quarters and other buildings put up near the dam sites; and

(*d*) the proposals made or under consideration for the setting up of new industries in the above areas?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGHA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

" (*b*) Penstock pipes for future development of power have been installed in the Lower Bhavani Dam, and are being installed in the Malampuzha Dam. Power schemes will be formulated later, but the amount of firm power available will not be appreciable.

" (*c*) & (*d*) The whole matter is under consideration."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know, Sir, if these projects have been worked out on the principle that they should pay themselves, and what is the acreage the projects are expected to irrigate? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGHA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I do not know whether the projects will pay themselves. As regards the acreage the projects are expected to irrigate, the Lower Bhavani Project is expected to supply water to an extent of 2·07 lakhs of acres of land in Gobichettipalayam, Bhavani, Erode and Dharapuram taluks of Coimbatore district and Karur taluk of Tiruchirappalli district. Of these, 10,000 acres will be cultivated with paddy and the balance will be cultivated equally with cotton and other dry crops. As regards the Malampuzha project, it will stabilise the existing precarious cultivation on 40,000 acres of double crop land and will also enable new cultivation on 5,800 acres of dry lands, a second crop on 7,100 acres of single crop land and a third crop on 11,350 acres of double crop land. The additional food production is expected to be about 15,000 tons per annum."

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 95 infra.